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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I serve as a volunteer firefighter and first responder in rural Kentucky. I know firsthand the difficulty of trying to coordinate the efforts of firemen and others, without good communications equipment. I have seen firsthand in my own work the suffering that can arise when first responders are slowed down, and cannot respond to an emergency call in a timely manner.

I have written both to the FCC and to the NTIA in the past, to share my experiences with bad cell phone service, and to support the efforts of LightSquared. Now I write to talk about the good work that LightSquared has done in the mountains of Kentucky, an area which was struck by tornadoes and severe storms last week. LightSquared provided satellite phones and other communications devices to first responders throughout the region, and the people there are very grateful that they did.

As a safety official and first responder in a rural county in Kentucky, I support LightSquared in its efforts to create America's first satellite and terrestrially based 4G network. This is a network that the people of rural America, and particularly rural Kentucky, badly need.

LightSquared will market its services through a network of independent retailers who will provide jobs in rural areas where those jobs are badly needed. The granting of LightSquared's petition would help meet each of these goals. LightSquared has followed the proper procedure and played by the rules here, and appears to be the only private player in the market which can quickly meet each of the FCC's goals without the expenditure of any taxpayer money.

Small counties like mine need help. We need good broadband service, and we need good cell phone service. I urge the FCC to help LightSquared find a way to utilize some other portion of our nation's airwaves and implement its revolutionary new network. LightSquared proved this month what good communications equipment can do in the right hands. I urge the FCC to help LightSquared implement a network that will put that equipment into the hands of people across our nation who need it.

Sincerely,



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